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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3, 5, 6, 11, 15 and 16 as follows:

Q1 3. (Amended) A spectroscopic probe according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said angled faces has a reflecting or partially reflecting coating.

Q2 5. (Amended) A spectroscopic probe according to claim 3, wherein the other of said angled faces has a reflecting or partially reflecting coating.

6. (Amended) A spectroscopic probe according to claim 1, wherein said ports comprise lenses.

Q3 11. (Amended) A component according to claim 9, wherein the other of said angled faces has a reflecting or partially reflecting coating.

Q4 15. (Amended) A method according to claim 13, wherein an opposing face of the sheet is also coated with a reflecting or partially reflecting coating, prior to the cutting step, thereby producing a second angled face with a said coating in the resulting component, opposing the first-mentioned angled face.